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CATHOLIC SCOUT RALLY —

C.Y.O. BOXING FINALS
THURSDAY, DEC. 9.

Here is an opportunity for you to see the 18th Annual C.Y.O. Boxing Championships at the Chicago Stadium FREE of charge. All that you need to do is to turn in to the Scoutmaster, the permission slip, signed by one of your parents, that was attached to last month's issue of "The Duffel Bag".

All Scouts who have their parents permission to attend these boxing matches, are to be in front of the Troop Meeting Hall at 7 P.M. sharp.

It will not be necessary for the Scouts to wear their uniforms because the leaders want all of the Scouts to have clean uniforms for the Catholic Scout Rally on Saturday.



SATURDAY, DEC. 11.

In connection with our Twelfth Scout Law, "A Scout is Reverent", all of the Chaplains of Catholic Scout Troops gathered together and formed plans for a Catholic Scout Rally.

The rally will be held on Saturday, December 11 at St. Mel-Holy Ghost Church.

All of the Scouts are expected to be present at this rally. The parents of the Scouts are invited to participate also.

Further information concerning this rally will be found on a special bulletin attached to this copy of "The Duffel Bag".

Scouts are to wear their full Scout Uniform, including the Scout cap. All uniforms should be neat and clean.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

- Dec. 8- Troop Meeting
- Dec. 9- C.Y.O. Boxing
- Dec. 11- Catholic Scout Rally
- Dec. 15- Troop Meeting, Board of Review, Neckerchief slide contest
- Dec. 20- Green Bar Meet.
- Dec. 22- Christmas Party
- Dec. 25- Christmas
- Dec. 26, 27 & 28- Winter Camp.
- Jan. 1- New Years Day

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Troop Committee and Troop Leaders have arranged a swell program for the Troop Christmas Party.

This party is for all of the Scouts and their parents. The party will be held on Wednesday, December 22.

Sound movies, exciting and interesting games, refreshments and other features will be included in the evening program.

The leaders hope that as many parents as possible will attend this party.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the Scout Mothers Club for providing the funds for this party and cordially invite them to attend the party.

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Troop Board of Review for December will be held on Wednesday the 15th.

This will be the last Board of Review for the year, so let's get a goin' Scouts.

GREEN BAR MEETING

There will be a Green Bar Meeting on Monday, December 20th at the Home of the Senior Patrol Leader, 5407 West 23rd Place.

WINTER CAMP NEWS

After reading last month's issue of "The Duffel Bag" many of the parents became alarmed at the fact that the Scouts at Winter Camp would be put up in tents. The following message is from the Scoutmaster concerning these tents and other views of Winter Camping.

Winter Camping with Troop 259, is a Troop tradition. Since the Winter of 1946 our troop has gone Winter Camping each year to Camp Kiwanis. We choose Camp Kiwanis because of the hills for sledding and the Lake for ice skating. Every year the boys had a wonderful time. In the past two years the leaders were able to obtain cabins for the Scouts, but this year due to so many other Troops going out at the same time, we were unable to obtain the cabins. The tents that the boys will be put up in, are almost, if not as warm as the cabins that we used in previous years.

The tents are made of heavy, new water repellent canvass. There is a wooden floor to each tent and a small but adequate coal heater in it for cooking and heating purposes.

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the tents therefore give adequate protection and warmth to the boys.

I would like to bring to the parents attention the fact that some of the boys do not have the proper type and adequate amount of clothing and equipment. This type of situation has become so serious, that the leaders have been instructed that no Scout will be permitted to attend camp unless he has the necessary clothing and equipment.

I realize that there are many Scouts who do not care to wear winter underwear, including myself, but this is a necessary item of clothing for Winter Camp.

Plenty of blankets and warm clothing are the most essential things. Be sure that your boy has all of the items on the Clothing and Equipment check list that are under the column "Required" and what he must have on when he leaves. If you do that, you need not worry about your boy.

Any Scout who is not properly clothed or equipped for the trip will be sent back home.

The boys are going to be in for a "Whale" of a good time and I would like to see every Scout present.

NECKERCHIEF SLIDE.
CONTEST CLOSSES DEC.15

Hurry! Hurry! There is only a short time left to get your Neck-erchief Slide entered in the Troop Contest.

This contest closes at 9 P.M. on Wed. Dec. 15th. You may enter as many slides as you wish but, remember they must be hand made and made by yourself.

The first place winner will go to Winter Camp for half price and the Second place winner will have \$1.50 deducted from his Winter Camp fee. There are only two prizes.

TROOP WELCOMES NEW
ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER

It was Six years ago when one of our Scouts left the Troop and entered the U.S.Army.

This Scout left the Troop physically, but not mentally. While he was in the Army, he was thinking about the Troop he learned so much from, and the adventures he enjoyed with his old buddies in the Troop.

When he was Honorably discharged from the service, he heard that this Scout Troop, that he was once a member of needed help and without hesitation he offered his services.

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This former Scout and now an Assistant Scoutmaster in the Troop is Frank Cichon. Frank has shown all of us a good example of the Second Scout Law. "A Scout is Loyal".

Frank is rapidly getting acquainted with the Scouts and Committeemen so he will feel right at home with us.

The Scoutmaster is no stranger to Frank because Mr. Monzel was Scoutmaster when Frank joined up as a Scout.

We take this opportunity to not only welcome Frank back with the Troop, but wish to congratulate him on his fine spirit of Loyalty to his "Alma Mater".

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ODDS AND ENDS

One of the Scouts persuaded his Mother to buy him a suit of woolen underwear, so he can go to Winter Camp. He's been spending the last two days, trying to figure out how you get into it.

The Cheyenne Patrol is starting to give the Pioneer Patrol some pretty stiff competition. I guess Bob Lew didn't like the statement that Don Masek made about having the best Patrol in the Troop.

Frank Cichon said that he would referee the Snow Ball fight at Winter Camp. Who said he isn't a brave guy?

At the November Board of Review, Don Svehla was advanced to the rank of Second Class Scout. Nice going Don.

Norbert Cichon still needs two merit badges for Eagle. If he doesn't get goin' pretty soon, Don Svehla is liable to beat him to it.

Anybody who reads this paragraph is wasting a lot of time, because I'm only doing this to fill in space.

FIRST AID COURSE

The American Red Cross; Junior First Aid course will be resumed on the first Monday of January. All of the Scouts who enrolled in this course are urged to be present. There will be only two more evenings of instruction required to complete the course. In the meantime the Scouts are advised to review the lessons in First Aid textbook, so they will have no difficulty in passing the final examination.

TROOP LIBRARY

Scouts who wish to borrow Merit Badge Books, Scout Handbooks, Field Books, etc. may do so by securing these books from the Troop Scribe. Scouts who use these books are asked to keep them neat and clean.

AD ALTARE DEI AWARD

Any First Class Scout who is an Altar Boy is eligible to work for this award. The requirements are not very difficult and Father Siedlocki, our Troop Chaplain, is willing to help any Scout in earning this award.

PATROL RATING PLAN FOR HONOR PATROL

A rating plan to find out which Patrol is really the best in the Troop, will go into effect the first week in January.

Points are based on Scouts attendance at Patrol Meetings, Troop Activities, etc.

This rating plan will be in effect for the whole year of 1949 and at the end of the year a "Honor Patrol Flag" will be given to the best Patrol to keep. All of the Scouts who are members of the Honor Patrol will also receive a special award.

The Honor Patrol Flag will also be a monthly award, but the patrol who earns it one month may have to give it to another patrol the following month, if they fall in their monthly rating. At the end of the year, the patrol who had the flag the most months out of the year will be claimed the best patrol and get to keep the flag.

All Patrol Leaders will receive a copy of the Scoring Sheet, which will be used for this contest, at the next Green Bar Meeting to be held on Dec. 22. at the Scoutmasters home.

CAMPING AND HIKING PLANS FOR 1949

The year 1949 will find Troop 259 doing more hiking and camping than ever before. The Troop Leaders are planning on the Troop having an overnight camp trip and day hike every other month.

For January there will be a day hike to Camp Bemis Woods. February there will be an overnight camp trip to Camp Harrison. Other hikes and camp trips will be announced as they are scheduled.

If you lack camping or hiking equipment, the leaders suggest that you save your money and try to obtain what equipment you need so you won't miss out on any of the trips.

Plans for Summer Camp are being discussed by the leaders, but so far nothing definite can be said about, where we will go or how long the camp period will be. The Scoutmaster is hoping that we may be able to secure a place for a Lone Troop Camp. The Troop Committee has been busy trying to find a place in the country for us, but so far they haven't had any luck in doing so.